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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (cancelled)
2. (previously presented) The method of claim 11, wherein said product document comprises a primary document and one or more attachment files.
3. (original) The method of claim 2, wherein said attachment files include a sample deposition statement.
4. (original) The method of claim 2, wherein said attachment files include an image of a sales brochure.
5. (original) The method of claim 2, wherein said attachment files include an image of a purchase order.
6. (original) The method of claim 2, wherein said attachment files include an image of a sales invoice.
7. (original) The method of claim 2, wherein said attachment files include an image of a commercial Web site page.
8. (original) The method of claim 2, wherein said attachment files include an image of a printed advertisement.
9. (original) The method of claim 2, wherein said attachment files include a video clip.
10. (original) The method of claim 2, wherein said attachment files include an audio clip.
11. (currently amended) A method of publishing a product document, said method comprising the steps of:
 providing a searchable document database and a publication Web site in communication with said document database, where said database is publicly accessible;

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electronically receiving a product document transmitted by a client's computer, where said product document provides information regarding a commercially available product;

publishing said product document by adding said product document to said document database, wherein said publishing is for the purpose of disclosing information about a product to establish a bar to patentability of inventions practiced in said product; and,

digitally notarizing said product document and obtaining a document notarization record, said document notarization record including a timestamp and a digital fingerprint.

12. (cancelled)

13. (original) The method of claim 11, wherein said step of digitally notarizing said product document and obtaining a document notarization record is performed by a notarization vendor Web site in communication with said database.

14. (previously presented) The method of claim 11, further comprising the step of charging said client a fee for adding said product document to said database.

15. (original) The method of claim 14, wherein said fee is paid before said product document is added to said database.

16. (previously presented) The method of claim 11, further comprising the step of recording the number of times said product document is accessed by end users.

17. (previously presented) The method of claim 11, wherein said product document includes an earliest date of commercial availability of said product associated with said product document, and said method further comprises the step of transmitting to said client's computer a notice of time remaining to file a patent application under applicable law on matter incorporated in said product based on said earliest date of commercial availability.

18. (original) The method of claim 17, wherein said earliest date of commercial availability is a date said product was first "on sale" in the United States under United States Patent Laws.

19. (previously presented) The method of claim 11, further comprising the step of collecting and adding bibliographic data to said product document.

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20. (previously presented) The method of claim 11, wherein said product document is transmitted by said client's computer via one of a plurality of transfer protocols determined by said client.
21. (original) The method of claim 20, wherein said plurality of transfer protocols includes the HTTP and FTP.
22. (previously presented) The method of claim 11, wherein said product document is published on a restricted basis for access only by users and user groups selected by said client.
23. (cancelled)
24. (previously presented) The system of claim 33, wherein said product document comprises a primary document and one or more attachment files.
25. (original) The system of claim 24, wherein said attachment files include a sample deposition statement.
26. (original) The system of claim 24, wherein said attachment files include an image of a sales brochure.
27. (original) The system of claim 24, wherein said attachment files include an image of a purchase order.
28. (original) The system of claim 24, wherein said attachment files include an image of a sales invoice.
29. (original) The system of claim 24, wherein said attachment files include an image of a commercial Web site page.
30. (original) The system of claim 24, wherein said attachment files include an image of a printed advertisement.
31. (original) The system of claim 24, wherein said attachment files include a video clip.
32. (original) The system of claim 24, wherein said attachment files include an audio clip.

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33. (currently amended) A Web based system for publishing a product document, said system comprising:

a searchable document database, where said database is publicly accessible; and

a publication Web site in communication with said document database, said publication Web site including means for electronically receiving a product document transmitted by a client's computer and means for adding said product document to said database, wherein said publication Web site is for the purpose of disclosing information about a product to establish a bar to patentability of inventions practiced in said product and wherein said product document provides information regarding a commercially available product; and,

means for digitally notarizing said product document and obtaining a document notarization record, said document notarization record including a timestamp and a digital fingerprint.

34. (cancelled)

35. (original) The system of claim 33, wherein said means for digitally notarizing said product document and obtaining a document notarization record is provided by a notarization vendor Web site in communication with said database.

36. (previously presented) The system of claim 33, further comprising means for charging said client a fee for adding said product document to said database

37. (original) The system of claim 36, wherein said fee is paid before said product document is added to said database.

38. (previously presented) The system of claim 33, further comprising means for recording the number of times said product document is accessed by end users.

39. (previously presented) The system of claim 33, wherein said product document includes an earliest date of commercial availability of said product associated with said product document, and said system further comprises means for transmitting to said client's computer a notice of time remaining to file a patent application under applicable law on matter incorporated in said product based on said earliest date of commercial availability.

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40. (original) The system of claim 39, wherein said earliest date of commercial availability is a date said product was first “on sale” in the United States under United States Patent Laws.
41. (previously presented) The system of claim 33, further comprising means for collecting and adding bibliographic data to said product document.
42. (previously presented) The system of claim 33, wherein said product document is transmitted by said client’s computer via one of a plurality of transfer protocols determined by said client.
43. (original) The system of claim 42, wherein said plurality of transfer protocols includes the HTTP and FTP.
44. (previously presented) The system of claim 33, wherein said product document is published on a restricted basis for access only by users and user groups selected by said client.